

# ACA WSO History Overview with Reference Links

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## 1978 - 1983: Beginning of our ACA Fellowship

Our journey began in 1978 with the first ACA meeting in New York City. By 1982, ACA had expanded to California.

References- Book of Motions: [1983](#);  01-Early History ACA WSO.pdf







## 1984 - 1989: The Emergence of our ACA World Services

We united as an official Twelve Step fellowship and began creating a World Service Organization.

References - Book of Motions: [1984](#) / [1985](#) / [1986](#) / [1987](#) / [1988](#) / [1989](#) /  1984\_ABC\_minutes.pdf  
 1986 ABC Minutes .pdf  1986 Unofficial History.pdf  1988 ABC Minutes.pdf  1989 ABC.pdf





## 1990 - 1994: Diverging Visions Stalled Service Structure Development

Conflicts at the 1990 ABC caused major instability: halted service structure development, office closure and initiated a plan to dissolve World Services, if needed.

References - Book of Motions: [1990](#) / [1991](#) / [1992](#) / [1993](#) / [1994](#);  1990 ABC minutes.pdf  
 1990 APACA2 info.pdf  1990 Special Reports from Delegates and Attendees to 1990 (ANN).pdf  
 1992 ABC info-Minutes .pdf  1993\_ABC\_Minutes.pdf  1994 ABC Minutes.pdf

## 1995 - 2005: Starting Again and Building the Foundation of ACA Literature



We focused on rebuilding and establishing a solid foundation for service and literature. Key efforts included re-opening the office, expanding literature development, and strengthening organizational structure through new policies, regional frameworks, and the adoption of the 12 Concepts of Service.

References - Book of Motions\*: [1995](#) / [1996](#) / [2000](#) / [2004](#);  1995 ABC agenda&notes.pdf  
 1996 ABC Minutes.pdf  1997 ABC.pdf  2000\_ABC\_Minutes.pdf

## **2006 - 2016: Unifying our Fellowship with the Launch of ACA Literature (BRB/YWB)**

The Big Red Book was launched, marking the beginning of ACA's literature legacy and the rebuilding of our fellowship, followed by the Yellow Workbook, Laundry Lists Workbook, and Strengthening My Recovery, and the first ACA translations.

References: Book of Motions\*: [2010](#) / [2011](#) / [2012](#) / [2013](#) / [2014](#) / [2015](#) / [2016](#);

 [2006 ABC Comline- contains ABC motions.pdf](#)  [2010 ABC Minutes from ComLine.pdf](#)




 [2011 ACA WSO ABC Minutes.PDF](#) ,  [2012 ACA ABC Minutes.pdf](#)

 [2012 ABC ACA Presentation - Omer G.pdf](#)  [2015 ABC Minutes.pdf](#)  [2016 ABC Minutes.pdf](#)

## **2017- present: Building the Global Service Structure and Realigning the Fellowship, Conference, and WSO**

ACA WSO expanded its global reach by establishing the European Committee and the Global Members Committee, strengthening support for the international fellowship. At the same time, it initiated efforts to build the Conference service structure through efforts like the Service Network Committee and study initiatives approved at recent ABCs.

References: Book of Motion: [2017](#) / [2018](#) / [2019](#) / [2020](#) / [2021](#) / [2022](#) / [2023](#) / [2024](#) / [2025 \(Jan.-March\)](#)

 [2017 ABC Notes.pdf](#)  [2018 ABC-Minutes-A4.pdf](#)  [2019-ABC-Minutes.pdf](#) [2020 ABC Minutes](#)  
[2021 ABC Minutes](#) [2023 ABC Minutes](#) [2024 ABC Minutes](#)(draft)

\*IMPORTANT NOTE: The WSO archives are missing minutes/motions from certain years between 1997 and 2009.

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